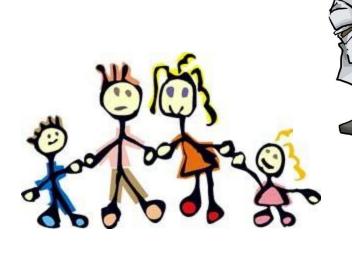


A Prescription to Expand Vaccine Access:

Partnering with Pharmacists





















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Why Pharmacists?

- Inability to achieve national goals for adult and adolescent vaccination
- Convenience and accessibility
- Trust in the pharmacist (Gallop Poll)



- Cost effective
- ACA removes cost barrier, ↑ # needed to vaccinate
- Highly trained

















Pharmacist Training

- 4 year curriculum (after 4 yr BS)
 - all Pharm.D. since 1970s in CA
- Certificate based IZ training
 - During Pharmacy school
 - Post-Grad
 - 20+ hours with injection workshop (IM/SC)
 - Deltoid and SC upper arm
 - APhA program has trained > 180,000 pharmacists
- BLS, BBP, HIPAA

















Immunization and Pharmacists



 CA Pharmacists authorized to vaccinate since 1995

B&P 4052

- Administer immunizations pursuant to a protocol with a prescriber
- No age or vaccine limits
- Protocol not patient specific





Adult Immunizations

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VACCINE ▼ INDICATION ►	Pregnancy	Immunocompromising conditions (excluding human immunodeficiency virus [HIV]) ^{4,5,7,14}	cells/ :	,7,13,14 phocyte	Men who have sex with men (MSM)	Heart disease, chronic lung disease, chronic alcoholism	Asplenia ¹³ (including elective splenectomy and persistent complement component deficiencies)	Chronic liver disease	Diabetes, kidney failure, end-stage renal disease, receipt of hemodialysis	Health-care personnel
Influenza ²	1 dose TIV annually			1 dose TIV or LAIV annually	1 dose TIV annually			1 dose TIV or LAIV annually		
Tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis (Td/Tdap) 3,*	Substitute 1-time dose of Tdap for Td booster; then boost with Td every 10 yrs									
Varicella ^{4,*}	С	ontraindicated					2 doses			
Human papillomavirus (HPV) Female 5,*		3 doses throug	gh age 20	6 yrs			3 doses th	rough a	ge 26 yrs	
Human papillomavirus (HPV) Male 5,*		3 doses t	hrough a	age 26	yrs		3 doses th	rough a	ge 21 yrs	
Zoster ⁶	С	ontraindicated			1 dose					
Measles, mumps, rubella (MMR) 7,*	С	ontraindicated					1 or 2 doses	5		
Pneumococcal (polysaccharide) 8,9			·		1 or 2	doses				
Meningococcal ^{10,*}	1 or more doses									
Hepatitis A 11,*					2 do	ses				
Hepatitis B ^{12,*}					3 do	ses				













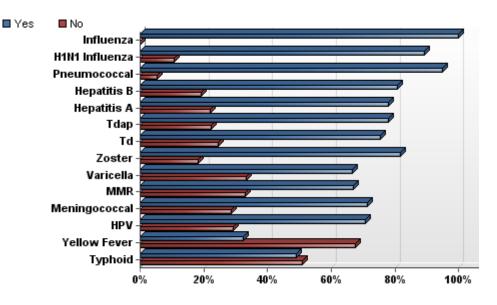




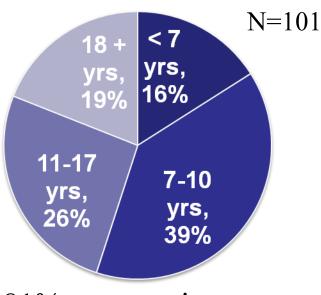


Protocols and Pharmacists





Minimum age

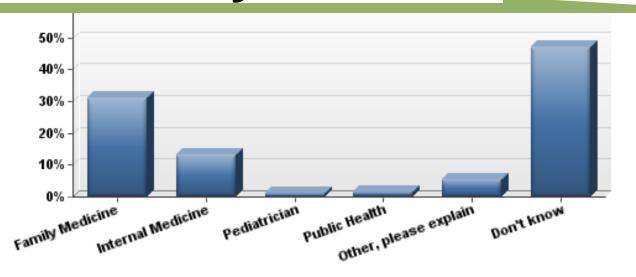


81% can vaccinate teens

17% CANNOT vaccinate pregnant women



Pharmacists and Protocol Physicians



- 65% say protocol restrictions have limited their ability to vaccinate in the past 12 months
- 73% of pharmacists feel the physician signed protocol is unnecessary











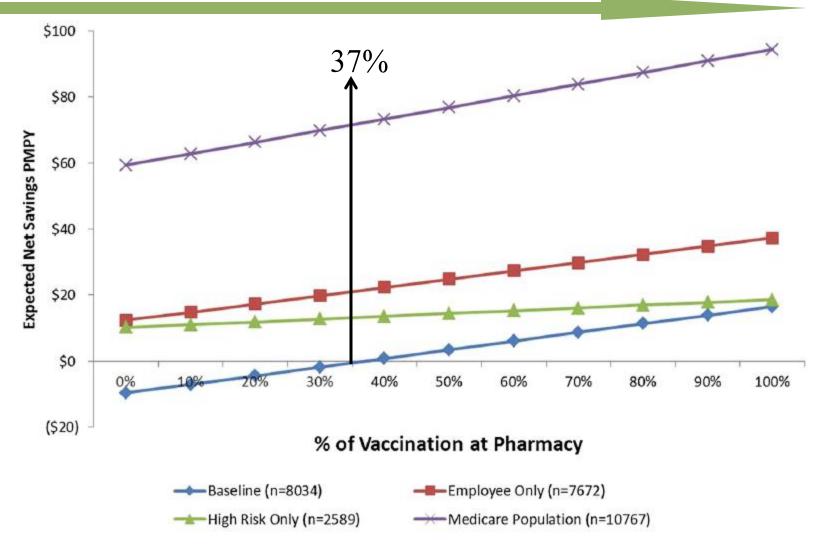








Opportunity Analysis



Duncan et al. Cost Effectiveness and Resource Allocation. 2012: 10:10



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Ralphs Grocery Company

- Division of The Kroger Company Family of Pharmacies
- 89 Pharmacies across Southern CA
- Clinical Programs
 - Immunizations
 - Travel Clinic
 - Health and Wellness Programs
 - Disease-state management

THE KROGER CO. FAMILY OF PHARMACIES













































Immunization Program

- Under protocol, we can administer vaccinations to patients ≥ 11 years
- Over 230 Immunization certified pharmacists in CA alone
- Almost 40,000 vaccines were administered in fiscal year 2011 (Southern CA only)

















Vaccines Per IMZ Protocol

- Influenza
- Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis (Td/Tdap)
- Pneumococcal
- Hepatitis A
- Hepatitis B



- Meningococcal
- Measles, Mumps, Rubella
- Herpes Zoster
- Human
 Papillomavirus



















Vaccines Per Travel Protocol

- Typhoid Vaccine (IM and PO formulations)
- Japanese Encephalitis Vaccine (Ixiaro®)
- Rabies Vaccine (Pre-exposure only)
- Yellow Fever Vaccine (pending)

















Partnerships Past and Present

- Senior population
- Private businesses
 - Office buildings
 - Employer groups



- Underserved/Uninsured communities
 - CPG partnership
 - Salvation army



















Partnerships Past and Present (Cont.)

- Collaborating with prescriber offices / Accountable Care Organizations (ACOs)
 - Zostavax®
- Medication Therapy Management
 - Increase Opportunity to Education on **Vaccinations**
 - Increase ability to identify/screen high risk patients
 - Medication and Social History

















Goals and Strategies

Goals

- Expand access to immunizations
- Educate patients on importance of up-todate vaccinations
 - Prevention vs. Treatment
 - Childhood vs. Adult immunizations
 - Economic impact without vaccinations
- Increase awareness/education on insurance coverage for vaccinations











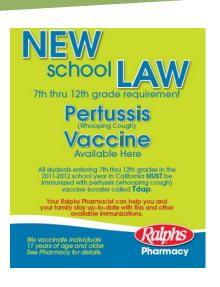






Goals and Strategies (cont.)

- Targeting population groups
 - Health fairs
 - Free promotional screenings
 - Presentations at senior homes
 - MTM
- Utilizing previously established partnerships
 - External
 - Internal



















Goals and Strategies (cont.)

- Presentation at Healthcare Providers' Association/Conferences
 - Nursing Associations
 - Diabetes Educators
 - Social Workers
- Medication Reconciliation
 - Collaboration with Hospitals and Pharmacy Benefits Managements (PBMs)











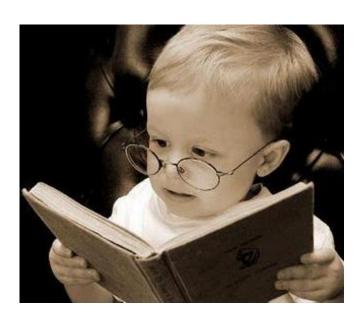






Lessons Learned

- Barriers
 - Third Party reimbursement
 - Employer / Consumer buy-in
 - Competition
- Persistence
- Creativity
- Networking
- Collaborative practice maximizes patient outcomes





RITE AID AND IMMUNIZATIONS

The Importance of Vaccines







IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM

- Rite Aid started providing vaccines in CA in 2004 at a limited number stores, now all CA Rite Aid's provide vaccines
- Rite Aid has
 - → 584 stores in CA
 - → 144 stores in Los Angeles County
- We have 8 travel clinics, 3 in CA
 - → Full travel consults
 - → All travel vaccines on protocol



IMMUNIZATION TRAINING

- Immunization Training required for all pharmacists. Original training is a 20-hour CDC approved program
- Ongoing Immunization Training
 - →Online yearly
 - Immunization Update CE (3 hours)
 - Exposure Control
 - → CPR for Health Care Providers every 2 years



VACCINES PROVIDED

Influenza Hepatitis A

Meningococcal Hepatitis B

Measles Haemophilus Influenzae

Mumps Human Papillomavirus

Rubella Tetanus

Pneumococcal Diphtheria

Varicella Pertussis

Zoster (Shingles) Poliovirus



VACCINE IN STOCK

- All store have or can get the next day if out
 - → Influenza
 - Preservative free
 - Latex free
 - **→** Tdap
 - → Pneumococcal
- Most stores have or can get 3-5 days
 - **→** Zoster
- Rest of vaccine can vary by store and demand but can be ordered within 2-5 days

 With US, With US, It's personal.



PATIENT POPULATION

- Rite Aid main focus is the underimmunized populations of adolescents and adults but can provide immunizations on protocol at all Rite Aid location during regular business hours for:
 - → Injectable vaccines over the age of 3 years
 - → Intranasal for those over the age of 2 years
- Pharmacists follow CDC and ACIP Guidelines
- Protocol also allows for other competent authorities



NUMBER OF VACCINES IN LA COUNTY

2011

→Influenza 54,000

→ Pertussis 12,000

→ Zostavax 3,000

→ All vaccines 70,000

2012 (9-20-12)

→Influenza 23,000

→ Pertussis 3,000

→ Zostavax 6,000

→ All vaccines 33,000



COMMUNITY OUTREACH

- Influenza
 - → Business Outreach
 - → Internal store promotion
 - → Corporate promotion
 - → Local health fairs
- Pertussis
 - → Secondary school outreach
- Pneumococcal
 - → Internal store promotion
 - → All influenza clinics



PARTNERSHIPS

- Vaccine Manufactures
 - → National publicity on specifics vaccines
 - → Coordinate internal promotions
- Public Health Departments
 - → Pertussis outbreak
 - → Influenza school outreach
- Private Schools
 - → Pertussis clinics on site
 - → Provide flyers to sent out to parents



REIMBURSEMENT

- Recognition of pharmacist as an administrator of vaccines for reimbursement
 - → Medicare part B and D Yes
 - → Advantage plan billing Not always
 - → State medical No but we accept the payment
 - → Third party plans some can capture the MA code
 - Medico
 - Express Script



REIMBURSEMENT

- Third Party that cover vaccines
 - → Medical Billing- Aetna, Cigna, UHC
 - Multiple vaccines are covered
 - → Federal Employee Plan, CalPERS
 - → Medical product only
- Cash
 - → Travel vaccines
 - → Adult vaccines other than influenza, pneumococcal, and zoster.





History

- Started 12 years ago giving community immunizations
 - UOP Class 2000 1st year pharmacist trained
- 2004 Vons (Safeway) trained company wide for those RPh's interested in providing immunizations
- 2008 Vons (Safeway) made Immunization training mandatory for all RPh's
- Today all Vons (Safeway) stores able to provide vaccines

Vons Immunization Program

- Done by Protocol with collaborating MD
- Follow ACIP guidelines.
- Able to do ages 8 and older
 - Exception is Flumist
 - 5 years and older for flumist
- Most immunizations available daily as a walk in bases

Immunizations Provided Via ACIP Guidelines

Hepatitis A Hepatitis B

Influenza Vaccine Pneumococcal Vaccine

MMR Vaccine Varicella Vaccine

HPV Vaccine Shingles Vaccine

Typhoid Vaccine Polio Vaccine

Tetanus-Diptheria(Td) Meningococcal Vaccine

Tetanus-Diptheria-Pertussis (Tdap Adult)

Haemophilus influenzae B Vaccine

Flumist *Available for 5 and older.

Special Training Immunizations

- Travel Stores available to provide
 - Yellow Fever
 - Ixiaro (Japanese Encephalitis)
 - Rabies
- Specialty Medications also done in many of our stores.
 - Atypical antipsychotics
 - Treatment/ prevention of osteoprosis
 - Hormone replacement
 - Prevention of deep vein thrombosis
 - Anemia treatments

Vons LA County Flu Stats

2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
8,422	13,844	21,737*	12,108	13,134*	5,300

- Each Flu Season has challenges
 - 2009 H1N1
 - 2010 Fatigue (RPh and Public)
 - 2011 Safeway host upgrade incomplete data
 - 2012 58% of last year.
 - Heat?
 - More competition?
 - Lack of Hype/ Advertisement?

How To Improve Vaccine Rates?

- RPh readily available and convenient
 - Challenge: Making RPH comfortable on all vaccines
- Healthy People 2020- goals to reach our patient population
 - Challenge: Educating public, overcome barriers (I.E. Zostavax giving them Herpes)
- Immunization coverage
 - Improving but have a long way to go for general population
 - Primarily see 50 and older
 - 65 and over covered so easy sell
- We report to CAIR



Questions?















